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### EAST TEXAS COLLOQUY

Fall brings the membership of East Texas Historical Association to Nacogdoches for the Annual Meeting, this year held September 25-26. The Friday evening session convened at the restored home of Tol Barret, driller of the first oil well in Texas. The restoration work was done by Capt. and Mrs. Charles Phillips (Anne), and Chuck gave a brief but informative and entertaining talk on the personalities who had visited the house during its long history. He also discussed the restoration of the house. On Saturday, sessions were presented on WOMEN IN TEXAS, SOCIETY AND EDUCATION ALONG THE GULF COAST, LIQUOR IN THE WOODS, JUNIOR COLLEGES IN EAST TEXAS, and AGRICULTURE, OLD AND NEW, IN EAST TEXAS. President Marion Holt presented the luncheon address, "Pine Island Cemetery." Irvin May served as program chairman.

At the business meeting following the luncheon, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to former presidents of the Association. Max Lale of Marshall was elected president for the 1981-82 term, with Irvin May of College Station and Bob Bowman of Lufkin as first and second vice presidents, respectively. James Conrad of East Texas State University was elected to serve the remaining year of Bowman's term on the Board of Directors. Donald Whisenhunt of the University of Texas at Tyler, Mrs. Jewel Cates of Dallas, and Mrs. Margaret Henson of the University of Houston at Clear Lake were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. James V. Reese of Stephen F. Austin State University presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee, and the recommended revised constitution was adopted. The full text will be presented at the end of this section.

"Overton: Agricultural Research and Education in Northeast Texas," by Irvin May, Jr., is a monography which surveys the origins, development and contributions of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for Northeast Texas during 1902-1979. To obtain a copy, write to: Tom Sneed, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

The 67th Session of the Texas Legislature, recognizing the need to encourage the protection and use of structures significant in our history, has established a grant-in-aid program for designated historic structures. State funds of up to \$250,000 are earmarked specifically for this Texas Historic Preservation Grants Program in each year of the new biennium. Accordingly, the Texas Historical Commission will begin this fall to make grant allocations of \$2,500 to \$50,000 to assist qualified structures significant in Texas or American history, architecture, archeology, or culture.

The Texas Historic Preservation Grants Program is available exclusively to nonprofit organizations and political subdivisions of the state, entities least able to take advantage of existing preservation assistance programs. And to be eligible for grant assistance a property must: 1) be included in the National Register of Historic Places; or 2) be designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark; or 3) be determined by the Commission to be eligible for inclusion in the Register or for Landmark designation. In addition, certain properties in none of these categories may be specifically designated by the Commission to be worthy of preservation funding, such as structures recorded as State Archeological Landmarks.

The grants can be awarded for a variety of preservation efforts:

- 1) Planning—to prepare certain plans essential to preservation, such as Feasibility Studies, Historic Structure Reports and Preservation Plans;
- 2) Acquisition—to secure absolute ownership, and 3) Development—to carry out construction work.

For additional information and a Pre-Application, please contact: Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 475-3094.

Persons interested in using the tapes and transcripts of the Dallas Mayors Oral History and Records Project should contact Ms. Katherine Jagoe, director of the Research Center for Dallas and Texas History at the Dallas Public Library, or Dr. James Conrad, University Archivist at East Texas State University. The Dallas Mayors Oral History Project, a cooperative program of the Dallas Public Library and The East Texas State University Library, was an 18 month effort to document the history of Dallas mayors and their administration.

The Texas Commission for the Humanities is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Frank Vandiver, President of Texas A&M University, as its first TEXAS LECTURER. He will speak to the first annual TEXAS LECTURE ON THE HUMANITIES on March 19, 1982. Each year the LECTURE will highlight a Texan whose work in the humanities—history, literature, philosophy, languages, or related fields—represents a significant contribution to American life and thought. Designation as the TEXAS LECTURER carries with it a \$2,000 stipend.

Dr. Vandiver has written numerous works on the Confederacy and military history, notably *Mighty Stonewall*, *Their Tattered Flags* and the two volume *Black Jack: The Life and Times of John J. Pershing*. He will speak on biography as an agent of humanism. During a one-day Institute the following day, other noted biographers will lead discussions

with invited guests from around the state on topics suggested by Dr. Vandiver's lecture.

The Texas Committee for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a volunteer citizens committee seeking to increase public understanding and appreciation of the Humanities. The TCH provides financial support for conferences, forums, seminars, interpretive exhibits, radio and television programming, and other public projects. Founded in 1972, the Committee is composed of 20 members from around the State. For additional information on the TEXAS LECTURE ON THE HUMANITIES, contact James Veninga, (512) 473-8585.

Through the generosity of Dr. A. Elizabeth Taylor, Professor of History and Government at the Texas Woman's University, the TWU Library announces the acquisition of the microfilm edition of the *National Woman's Party Papers: The Suffrage Years, 1913-1920* for its Woman's Collection. This important collection is a comprehensive record of the activities which surrounded the campaign for passage of the 19th Amendment. It includes correspondence, administrative records of the NWP, publications of the NWP and other organizations, and photographs in support of women's suffrage. *The Suffrage Years* complements the *National Woman's Party Papers, 1913-1974*, also owned in microfilm format by TWU, which emphasizes efforts by the NWP to secure passage of an Equal Rights Amendment.

At its annual meeting in Abilene, Texas, March 13-14, 1981, Dr. Joseph Milton Nance, Professor Emeritus of History at Texas A&M University, was elected President of the West Texas Historical Association. Nance, son of Jeremiah Milton Nance and Mary Louise Hutchison (formerly of San Marcos), was born and reared in Kyle where he attended the public schools from which he was graduated as Valedictorian in 1931. After receiving his B.A. (1935), M.A. (1935), and Ph.D. (1941) degrees from the University of Texas, he joined the History Faculty of Texas A&M in 1941, where he taught for thirty-eight years, rising through the



various academic ranks to Professor in 1957 and to the Head of the Department of History and Government, 1958-1968 and of History 1968-1973. During the Summers of 1956 and 1958, Nance taught at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

Dr. Nance is recognized as an outstanding Texas historian. He is the author of eight books, including a *Checklist of Texas Newspapers 1813-1939*. He has published many articles in professional journals and is the recipient of many awards, among them the Texas Institute of Letters Award in 1964 for *After San Jacinto: The Texas Mexican Frontier, 1836-1841*; the Walter Prescott Webb Award of the University of Texas History Department in 1966 for his outstanding *Attack and Counterattack: The Texas-Mexican Frontier, 1842*, given to an alumnus who has made the most significant contribution to knowledge; in 1963 he received the Austin journalism society Award for the most outstanding book published that year on Texas history, and in 1979 he received the AMOCO Distinguished Faculty Award at Texas A&M University for outstanding research and publication. In 1979 Baylor University's School of Law established in his name two Joseph Milton Nance Scholarships in Law to be awarded each year to outstanding Texas A&M students wishing to attend Baylor's Law School; and in 1980 the History Department of Texas A&M University established the J. Milton Nance Lectures in Texas History to be given each year by an outstanding Texas history scholar.

Nance is an elected life-time Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association, a member of the Brazos County Historical Commission, an elected member of the prestigious Texas Institute of Letters, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and a sixth generation Texan. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*; *Who's Who in Texas*; *Contemporary Authors*; and in the American Council of Learned Societies' *Directory of Scholars* (History). And we proudly note, Dr. Nance is a member of The Board of Directors of The East Texas Historical Association.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The East Texas Historical Association.

### ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

This Association is formed for historical and literary purposes and the particular objectives and business thereof shall be the discovery, collection, preservation, publication, and dissemination of historical information relating to the social, economic, political, and cultural history of East Texas; to encourage and sponsor gatherings of students of East Texas history; to support activities aimed at the preservation of the region's material culture; to give public recognition to those who contribute to such objectives; and to engage in any other activity appropriate to these ends.

The Association shall publish at least once a year a historical journal of high quality, to be known as *The East Texas Historical Journal*, and may publish other items on occasion when judged by the Board of Directors to be worthy and appropriate.

### ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES

All persons and institutions are eligible to become regular members of this Association by making application and the payment of dues.

All persons who joined between the organizational meeting and the next annual meeting thereafter shall be designated Charter Members.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to establish classification of members including Fellows not to exceed fifteen and the level of memberships as may be most expedient for carrying out the business of this Association, and shall at any regular meeting of the Board establish membership dues, subject to approval of the Association membership at a regular meeting of that body.

Any member who shall be one year in arrears for dues shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll.

### ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, and eight members chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association, who shall constitute the Board

of Directors. The outgoing President is an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Directors for two years following his/her term of office.

The duties of said officers shall be those usually devolving upon officers of similar titles under general parliamentary law and custom, except where otherwise herein or thereafter specifically prescribed.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall call special meetings of the Association or of the Board of Directors upon the request of a majority of the Board of Directors or of ten members of the Association.

In the absence of the President at any meeting the members present shall choose one of the Vice Presidents to preside over the meeting and to perform *ad interim* the duties of President.

The Board of Directors shall enter into an agreement with an institution of higher education in East Texas for a site for offices of the Association and its publications. The Board of Directors may name not more than two representatives from the cooperating or sponsoring institution as voting *ex-officio* members of the Board. The Board of Directors shall, in coordination with the officials of the cooperating or sponsoring institution, select an Executive Director and an Editor, who shall be members of the faculty or staff of that institution. The same individual may hold both appointments.

The Board of Directors shall have the general oversight of the property of the Association, its classification, care and protection, approve all financial reports of the officers and all accounts and claims against the Association, for which drafts shall be drawn on the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board may appoint committees from the Board of Directors or from the membership-at-large; when necessary, and take all needful and proper steps to forward the affairs of the Association and to conserve its best interests.

The Editor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the publications of the Association and for their distribution to the membership and to the general public. There shall be an Editorial Board of no less than four members to be elected by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Editor. The Editorial Board shall advise the Editor on the selection of items for publication and the Board of Directors on broad publication policies. The Editor shall make a report on the status of publications to each meeting of the Board of Directors, which, when approved by the Board, shall be preserved by the Editor in permanent form.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations and functions of the Association and shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and President shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, maintaining a permanent record of their correspondence. The Executive Director shall notify members of their appointment to committees or election to office, and shall make a report of the work of the Association to each meeting of the Board of Directors which, when approved by the Board, shall be preserved by the Executive Director in permanent form. The approved Executive Director's report shall be made available to the Association membership at its regular Fall meeting.

The Executive Director shall be custodian of the seal of the Association; shall keep a full and correct roll of the membership of the Association, give notice of all meetings, regular and special; shall collect the dues of members, and receive all subscriptions and donations of money or other property, maintaining a full, permanent record of same.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep in a well-bound book full and correct minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, submitting the same for approval of the respective bodies, and shall call to the attention of the Association and to the Board of Directors all matters of general interest; shall be custodian of all moneys and property of the Association, giving sufficient bond therefor when required, and shall keep a full record thereof in permanent form; shall pay all routine bills of the Association, preserving vouchers and receipts therefor; extraordinary expenditures must have prior approval of the Board before commitment and payment; and shall, at each meeting of the Board of Directors, present a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, with proper vouchers, and a report of all funds and property belonging to the Association.

## ARTICLE 5. PLACE OF MEETING

The annual meeting for the hearing of annual reports and the election of officers shall be held each Fall at Nacogdoches, Texas. Other meetings of the Association, not less than one in addition to the annual meeting, shall be held at places in East Texas as may be determined by the Association or its Board of Directors from time to time; the object of such meetings, other than the annual meeting, being to honor all sections of East Texas and especially those places of special historical interest in local history.



## ARTICLE 6. TERMS OF OFFICE

Directors and officers shall serve the following terms:

President, a one year term and may not serve an additional consecutive term.

Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer, a one year term, and thereafter as long as they may be re-elected from year to year.

Board of Directors, a three-year term, with at least a year or more intervening before re-election for a second term. Should a vacancy on the Board occur, the Association at its next annual meeting shall elect a Director to fill the unexpired term. Directors shall continue to serve until their places are filled by the Association at such meeting.

The Executive Director of the Association and the Editor serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and the President of the sponsoring institution.

## ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS

Any of these Articles may be amended by written resolution, setting forth the terms of the proposed amendment, adopted at any annual meeting of the Association, or at a special meeting of the Association called for that purpose at which at least one-fourth of all active members of record are present and voting.

Adopted: September 26, 1981